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DRIP IRRIGATION IN MAHARASHTRA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been carried out regarding the usefulness of drip irrigation in the Konkan region of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to popularise drip irrigation in Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg areas of Maharashtra;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) the number of farmers benefited under the drip irrigation scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b): No, Madam.

(c) & (d): Centrally Sponsored Scheme National Mission on Micro Irrigation (NMMI) is being implemented to popularize drip irrigation and sprinkler irrigation, in all states, including Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg areas of Maharashtra. Assistance is provided @ 60% of total system cost to small and marginal farmers and @ 50% for general farmers, including 10% state share. During 2011-12, an outlay of Rs.232.80 crore has been allocated to Maharashtra.

(e): Under the National Mission on Micro Irrigation scheme, 2263 farmers have benefited in Konkan region from 2005-06 to 2010-11.